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Agents Seize Largest Narcotic Load This Year *Excess of 600 Pounds Recovered*

CHULA VISTA, Calif. – The quick response of Border Patrol agents foiled an attempt to smuggle more than 600 pounds of narcotics across the U.S. border Thursday afternoon.

Agents on all-terrain-vehicles (ATVs) were working in an area near Jacumba when an electronic sensor alerted them to nearby activity. Responding to the scene, they observed a blue pick-up truck quickly leaving the area. Footprints suggested that several people had crossed from the nearby border to the truck.

An agent near old Highway 80 west of Jacumba soon spotted the vehicle. The driver, realizing agents were following, turned south towards Mexico. At the first possible opportunity, he leapt from the truck and ran south across the border.

Agents responding to the scene discovered nine duffel bags containing 110 individually wrapped bundles. When weighed, the load totaled 628 pounds with an estimated national street value of \$439,600.

Both the vehicle and marijuana were turned over to agents from Operation Alliance.

Since the beginning of October, Border Patrol agents in the San Diego Sector have seized over 1,650 pounds of illegal narcotics worth an estimated \$1.15 million.

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